Diagnostic Services 2002

Appeal Type: Diagnostic Services	Appeal Category: Psychiatric Exams
Case Number: 0200308	Appeal Decision: Upheld
Case Summary: Patient requesting coverage for neuropsychological testing to aid in determining the proper treatment for a central auditory processing disorder.	Reason for Decision: External review agency determined that the results of the testing are not likely to change his currently successful treatment regimen, there are no crucial diagnostic questions unanswered without the repeat testing, and continued clinical observation and follow-up with his psychiatrist or other providers is the most appropriate level of care.

Appeal Type: Diagnostic Services	Appeal Category: MRI
Case Number: 0200506	Appeal Decision: Upheld
Case Summary: Patient requesting coverage for breast MRI for the purpose of screening for breast cancer.	Reason for Decision: External review agency determined that this was an indeterminate lesion for which the health plan does not cover MRI services without a biopsy first being performed. Performance of an MRI would not have affected the decision for biopsy based on the sonographic findings.